

MR. CROZER IS VEXED

He Refutes the Statements Made
by Charles Watkins

ABOUT GRAVES' APPOINTMENT

Mr. Vindicates the Course of the
State's Home Board and Questions
Mr. Watkins' Inspiration.

"My attention has been called to an article on the Soldiers' home which appeared in The Democrat last month," said James A. Crozer of the board of managers in The Morton house. "I believe Charles W. Watkins was friendly to the state for the statements. In the first place the Soldiers' home was not built especially for Michigan soldiers. It was built for citizens of Michigan who had been soldiers. I was a member of the legislature that passed the measure, and I may be pardoned for assuming to know something about its object. The clause that prevents any but Michigan soldiers who were not residents of the state at the time the law was passed was inserted to prevent persons moving into the state for the purpose of securing a pension. The present commandant-in-chief of the three principal officers of the home are not Michigan soldiers. Perhaps the fact that Major McKee is a resident of Grand Rapids makes it a little easier for Mr. Watkins to bear."

"The argument that none but a Grand Rapids man should be selected for the position of commandant is nonsense. Under that rule wardens of the state's prison should all be residents of Jackson, and nobody but a Kalamazoo man could aspire to be superintendent of the insane asylum. Another argument of the same kind is used by Mr. Watkins. He seems to think that because Grand Rapids purchased the site, it should be permitted to control the appointment of the home. Every city in the state of equal inducement with Grand Rapids and it is the city that should be grateful rather than the state."

"Mr. Watkins intimates that before my resignation I professed to be friendly to General Pierce's candidacy. I pledged myself to nobody and believe that in voting for Captain Graves I had the best interests of the home at heart. Captain Graves received the vote of every member of the board except his own. The amount of 'bustling' as Mr. Watkins intimates, could have changed the result. The meetings of the board of managers are not ward caucuses. The intimation that Governor Rich shirked his duty by not attending the meeting is unworthy of any loyal republican. John T. Rich is not the man to shirk a duty for fear of consequences. If Governor Rich had been present at the meeting his vote could hardly have outweighed the votes of the other members anyway."

"Mr. Watkins condemns the board for having chosen one of its own members commandant; yet General Pierce was a member of the board that selected him, and the fact that he is a Grand Rapids man would hardly exempt him from similar condemnation. As a matter of fact the experience acquired as a member of the board is of incalculable benefit to a commandant."

"It seems to me that Mr. Watkins was a little too hasty in condemning the board. Every statement made by him is untrue, and if he had drawn less upon his imagination he might have realized, before writing the letter, the falseness of his position. As a man who has stood well in the ranks of republicanism he should have been more careful in his indiscriminate criticism."

City News in Brief.

The explosion of a can of benzine in the Grand Rapids Paint and Color company's shop, at No. 31 North Waterloo street, last night, caused a fire which caused a fire yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The building was damaged \$200 and the stock \$150 before the fire was extinguished.

A small tenement belonging to the Jacob Barth estate and occupied by C. H. Tumbler, at the corner of Brainerd and Union streets, was damaged by fire yesterday afternoon; \$450 will cover the loss. There was no insurance on the furniture, which suffered \$300 damage.

Alderman I. M. Turner of the ninth ward will soon become a resident of the city, as he is remodeling the stone house known as the Griggs residence on South Division street, near Burton avenue, and will occupy it for his family residence.

Thomas Arthur, a boy 13 years old, who ran away from his parents and went to Saginaw, was arrested yesterday at that place by Deputy Sheriff Hosmer and brought to the city on a charge of truancy. He is now in jail.

About ten local contractors went to Ludington yesterday afternoon to be present at the opening of the bids for the Mason county court house. The building will cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000.

At a meeting of the membership committee of the Y. M. C. A. last night a plan was agreed upon for extending the knowledge of the advantages offered by the association among the young men in the city.

Friends and relatives of the sisters in charge of St. John's orphan asylum are invited to visit them from 3:30 to 5 o'clock on Sunday afternoon.

The council committee did nothing of importance last night, the only matters under consideration being appeals from sewer bids.

The board of county canvassers will meet in the county clerk's office next Tuesday at noon to declare the official election results.

The executive board of the Oddfellows met Wednesday and perfected arrangements for a big anniversary celebration April 26. It will be a state meeting and thousands of the order are expected to assemble here on that occasion.

Pancy shirts are the thing this season. It is best to select them early before the lines are broken. Gardner & Baxter, shirt makers.

The North Park company is negotiating with Mrs. Oscar Wells for her orchestra during the resort season at North park.

Applicants for places as teachers in the new high school building were examined in the new board rooms yesterday.

Yesterday's bank clearing, \$168,198.51, shows an increase of \$20,107.88 over the corresponding day of last year.

Deputy Sheriff Brinkman, who was in Lake City Wednesday, says the snow is two feet deep in that vicinity.

The remains of James Hagen, who died from the result of drinking carboic acid, were buried yesterday.

The new Grand Rapids official railway guide will be ready for distribution tomorrow.

John Ball park is being put in shape for visitors.

Personal Mention.

Mrs. M. Willis and daughter of Seaforth, Ontario, on their way to Vancouver, British Columbia, are spending a few days with Mrs. Willis' daughter, Mrs. Capt. R. W. Hulbert of No. 72 Court avenue.

Will A. Mustard, associate editor of the Port Huron Sunday Herald, a delegate to the Epworth league convention, is the guest of his cousin, Dr. W. H. Ross.

Mrs. E. E. Curtis of Saginaw, who is a delegate to the Epworth league convention, is visiting Mrs. C. K. Stewart of Syracuse street.

E. R. Sutton of Detroit, one of the editors of the Michigan Law Journal, is a guest of Probate Register Jewell.

The Rev. J. S. Montgomery of Three Rivers is visiting at the home of G. W. Sinclair of Central avenue.

Mrs. Philip Taylor of Saranac, who has been visiting friends in the city, returned home last evening.

Miss Lillie Whitmore of Allegan is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. C. E. Mercer, No. 606 Lafayette street.

Eli Sutton of Detroit, one of the editors of the Michigan Law Journal, was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. G. R. Henderson and daughter of No. 22 Green street have gone to Syracuse, New York.

The Rev. A. K. Tullis of Lewiston, Illinois, is visiting his sister, Mrs. R. M. O'Brien.

H. E. Walbridge left last evening on a business trip to Denver.

Society News.

Eureka lodge, K. of P., entertained its feminine friends in the lodge room on Lonia street last night. There were recitations by Miss Alice Raymond and Miss Maud Jeffries, singing by the Webster quartet and solos by Prof. W. J. Lennell, the pianist, and Prof. Pupke, violinist. Afterward ice cream and cake were served and a social hour spent.

Fifty couples enjoyed the uniform ball given by the Macabees in the hall on Pearl street last night. Ice cream and cake were served at midnight. Knights and members of the military companies present appeared in uniform.

The reception announced yesterday morning to be given by Mrs. William Winegar and Mrs. E. W. Tinkham yesterday afternoon should have read for next week Thursday afternoon.

Details are all thus completed for the Oddfellows anniversary to be held here April 25. It is expected that upwards of 10,000 from out of the city will enjoy the occasion.

Penninsula Chapter, order of the Eastern Star, will give a dance and polo party in the hall in the McMillen block Tuesday evening, April 18.

Franklin lodge, A. O. U. W., enjoyed an informal banquet after its regular meeting last evening. Ten new members were admitted.

Church Notes.

The women of Trinity church conducted an apron sale at Miss Forsyth's store on Monroe street yesterday.

Rabbi Jaseelson will preach on "Israel and Civilization" at Temple Emanuel tonight. It is the closing service of the Jewish Passover.

Prof. Adams' Lectures.

Instead of considering the mere elementary principles of political economy which have gone over and over again, Prof. Adams will discuss some of the living questions from a standpoint of the present day. His lecture on the currency will be mostly taken up in the examination of the silver situation. The lectures will begin tonight at 7:45 at the new hall of the Y. M. C. A. building.

On the 14th it is probable that Prof. V. Vaughan will conclude his lectures on food, and two weeks from Friday night Prof. Adams will give the second lecture of his course.

Five Caravals of Immigrants.

Five caravals of immigrants will come over the D. & N. road to Grand Rapids this morning. There will be about 250 in the party. The foreigners will be taken over the C. & W. M. to Petoskey and thence by the G. R. & I. to Mackinac. At Mackinac the foreigners will be loaded on a boat and taken to the "Isle" where they will work on the government locks. They were picked up in New York and came to Detroit over the Grand Trunk. They are brought north by the contractors that are doing the work at the "Isle."

Fuller-Adams.

Louis M. Fuller, chief clerk in the office of General Passenger Agent De Haven, and Miss Lettie B. Adams, a teacher in the Wealthy avenue school, were married last evening at the home of the bride's mother in Battle Creek. Mr. and Mrs. Fuller will be "at home" on Saturday, April 29, in their new residence on Richard terrace.

Reception to Dr. Bradley.

The reception given to Dr. and Mrs. Dan F. Bradley, in Park church last night, was well attended. The room was decorated with flowers, palms and ferns. Light refreshments were served and the evening was spent in social chat.

Cabinet of Convicts.

The police department received a useful present yesterday from Warden Davis of the Jackson prison. It is a handsome cabinet containing the photographs of 900 criminals. It will be a valuable addition to the old request gallery, which has been in use in police headquarters for some time.

Contagious Diseases.

Vincent Dow Braler, No. 225 James street, typhoid fever; Marina Jacobowski, No. 38 McElroy street, membranous croup.

Burial Permits.

Maria Jakubowski, No. 38 McElroy street; Mrs. Calvary; Caterina, Sines, No. 533 Broadway, Greenwood.

Masonic Benefit Annual.

Flattering Reports Rendered by the Retiring Officers.

The Michigan Masonic Mutual Benefit association held its annual meeting in Masonic hall in this city yesterday afternoon with a large representation of the scholars present. Secretary Walker's report for the year was very gratifying to the members of the association. The membership in class A is 2,800 and in class B 1,140, making a total membership of 3,940. The receipts for the year from all sources were \$75,522.55 and the disbursements were \$62,579.16. It was stated that the receipts will equal the expenditures when the last month's assessments are paid in. The present condition of the finances of the association is about \$5,000 better than last year, according to the statement of Secretary Walker, and the meeting was harmonious and free from the petty differences that characterized the proceedings one year ago. Treasurer Dunham reported Grand Rapids school bonds of \$27,000 in possession of the association and cash in bank amounting to \$1,500, making the amount of cash and securities on hand \$28,500.

The following officers and trustees were elected for the current year:

Officers: President, Crawford Angell; vice president, H. N. Moore; secretary, H. W. Walker; treasurer, William Dunham; medical director, A. B. Botsford; M. D.; general counselor, the Hon. John W. Champlin, P. G. M.

Trustees: C. Angell, Grand Rapids; E. L. Bowring, Grand Rapids; T. D. Bradford, Grand Rapids; J. N. Davis, Grand Rapids; H. N. Moore, Grand Rapids; T. W. Gibbs, Lisbon; N. W. Mather, Howard City; G. W. Matteson, M. D., Muskegon; W. J. H. Saunders, Grand Haven; A. B. Botsford, M. D., Grand Rapids; William Dunham, Grand Rapids; L. A. Rogers, Grand Rapids; C. W. Calkins, Grand Rapids; T. W. Strahan, Grand Rapids; T. A. Hilton, Coldwater; Z. C. Jessup, Detroit; C. H. Loomis, Sparta; Charles H. Bauer, Hastings; A. A. Nichols, Lansing.

The officers were all re-elected and no change was made in the board of trustees excepting H. W. Walker, J. S. Conover and D. B. Striker, were succeeded by A. A. Nichols, T. A. Hilton and Charles H. Bauer respectively. The board of trustees held its regular monthly meeting in the evening in the secretary's office and passed upon a number of death claims and applications for membership.

WILL HOLD AN EXTRA.

The Board of Supervisors May Meet in Early June.

It is probable that a special session of the board of supervisors will be called the latter part of May, or as soon as the tax rolls have been passed by the board members of the board. One object of a special session is the election of a chairman of the board, as Chairman Paige of Sparta was not returned by his township and is not a member of the present board. It is the opinion of Supervisor Loomis that there is a legal question as to the power of Mr. Paige to sign orders as chairman of the board, he not being a member of that body. At the last session of the board a resolution was passed, allowing members of the sheriff's force to draw one-half of their bills against the county each month upon orders issued by the chairman and clerk of the board, and if there is no legal chairman, these bills cannot be collected until they have been ratified by the board at the regular October session. Another reason given by Supervisor Loomis for calling an extra session is that as the appropriation for the jail improvement was granted by the legislature in the county's preparations for work should begin on it.

INSPECTED THE ROAD.

President Newell and His Staff Go Over the Lake Shore.

John Newell, president of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway company, inspecting the Grand Rapids division of the road yesterday. He was accompanied by W. H. Caniff, general superintendent; P. S. Blodgett, assistant general superintendent; A. A. Handy, chief engineer, and Samuel Rockwell, engineer of the Michigan Southern division. Mr. Newell expressed great satisfaction concerning the general condition of the division and Superintendent Amosden's management of its affairs. Another train will be put on the road in a few weeks. Mr. Newell stated yesterday that the train will probably leave Grand Rapids in the evening, arriving in Chicago in the morning. This will give Grand Rapids three night trains to Chicago, one over the C. & W. M. another over the G. R. & I. and the third over the Lake Shore. A Pullman sleeper will be attached to the new train.

WILL WORK TOGETHER.

Boss Barbers and the Union Will Stand by Each Other.

The barbers' association has finally agreed upon a new schedule of prices. Barbers will remain at 10 cents, as usual, but 5 cents extra will be charged for bay rum, lavender, and other toilet waters. Hair shampoos will cost 15 cents instead of 10. The new scale of prices will be approved by the barbers' association here after the two associations will be combined for the mutual interest of their members. Any barbers who do not

late the rules will be dragged upon the carpet and either be fined or expelled from the association. Then the barber's union will rub it in, and his union card will be taken away from him. It is believed by this arrangement that the wages of the journeyman barbers can be raised, and the boss barbers protected from the hating of irresponsible competitors.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

Ever Rice Celebrated the Event Yesterday.

Last evening Mr. and Mrs. Ever Rice entertained a large number of friends in honor of Mr. Rice's 50th birthday at their home, No. 16 Coit avenue. The floral decorations were abundant and pretty, and Miss Maud Hughes with her harp enlivened the occasion with several solos. The evening was spent with progressive pedro and music, and refreshments were served. Among the presents were a toilet set by Mr. and Mrs. Thorp, Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford, and Mr. and Mrs. Lamos; a smoking set by friends and a basket of beautiful flowers by Prof. A. S. Parish. Among the guests were:

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bellnap, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Rutherford, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Frost, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Thorp, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Stuart, Mr. and Mrs. William Dunham, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Stebbins, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Henry, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Hatch, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. A. Stuart, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Innes, Dr. and Mrs. Mathews, Dr. and Mrs. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Parish, Miss Lillian Whitmore, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lamos, Miss Gussie Hillyer, Miss Maud Hughes.

The Mill Creek Tent, K. O. T. M., will give a dance at the North park pavilion Friday evening, April 7. Arrangements have been made with the street railway company to have cars connect with the dummy line at 1 o'clock.

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